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7.1 Objectives

7.1.1 To make the trainee proficient in the use of the stereomicroscopes used in the laboratory.

7.2 Modes of Instruction

- 7.2.1 Self-directed study through reading assignments
- 7.2.2 Demonstrations by the TC

7.3 Reference

- 7.3.1 Microscope manufacturer's operating manual
- 7.3.2 Saferstein, Richard, Ph.D. *Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science, Eighth Edition.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2004, pp. 175-176.
- 7.3.3 Saferstein, Richard, Ph.D., editor. *Forensic Science Handbook*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1982, pp. 416-434.

7.4 Assignments

- 7.4.1 Completion of required reading assignments (7.3.2)
- 7.4.2 Practical exercise
- 7.4.3 Study questions

7.5 Study questions

- 7.5.1 Describe the various parts of the stereomicroscope and the function of each.
- 7.5.2 How does the stereomicroscope differ from other microscopes?
- 7.5.3 How is the magnification determined? What magnification ranges are used in the laboratory?
- 7.5.4 What is the laboratory's quality assurance procedure for the microscopes?

7.6 Practical exercises

- 7.6.1 Record observations of the following:
 - 7.6.1.1 Baking soda
 - 7.6.1.2 Table salt
 - 7.6.1.3 Ground marijuana leaf material

7.7 Modes of Evaluation

7.7.1 Written examination